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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

### UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

#### *Plague at San Francisco, Cal.*

Surgeon Austin reports:

August 31. Interne and female nurse city and county hospital plague. Total cases to date, 11. Total deaths to date, 6.

September 1. One case city and county hospital and 1 case Seventeenth and Harrison streets. Total, 13 cases. Total deaths, 6.

September 2. One case Lombard street September 1. Total cases to date, 14. Total deaths, 6.

September 2. Case plague died hospital in Berkeley September 1. Had been at Point Richmond, across bay. Total cases to date, 15, including Berkeley. Total deaths to date, 7.

September 3. New case plague Lombard street; one case Francisco street. Total cases to date, 17; total deaths, 7.

September 4. No new cases. One death to-day. Total cases to date, 17; total deaths, 8.

#### *Measures for preventing spread of plague at San Francisco.*

In order to prevent the spread of bubonic plague from San Francisco to coastwise cities of California and other States on the Pacific coast and to foreign ports, a plan has been arranged, after consultation with the authorities in San Francisco, for fumigation with sulphur for the destruction of rats on all outgoing vessels from San Francisco, the work to be carried on by the quarantine officers of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service. By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the revenue cutters *Golden Gate* and *Hartley* are to aid in carrying men and material for the fumigation of vessels in San Francisco Harbor.

Under date of September 4 Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobdy wires that the work of disinfection begun September 2 was in full operation September 3.

#### STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 2,001,193. Total number of deaths reported to the State board of health, 2,540, corresponding to an annual death rate of 14.2 per 1,000 population. Deaths from contagious diseases were as follows: Diphtheria 34, enteric fever 54, measles 17, scarlet fever 7, smallpox 2, whooping cough 22, and 367 from tuberculosis.

FLORIDA.—Reports to the State board of health for the week ended August 24, 1907, show as follows: Diphtheria—*Branford*, 1 case. Enteric fever—*Jacksonville* and *Daytona*, each 2 cases. Malarial fever—*Jacksonville* and *Daytona*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Jacksonville*, 3 cases; *Palatka* and *Stuart*, each 1 case.

ILLINOIS—*Aurora*.—Month of June, 1907. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 53, including enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 3, and 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 1, measles 3, scarlet fever 22, and smallpox 18.

IOWA—*Keokuk*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 16,000. Total number of deaths, 26, including measles 1, and 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Smallpox 2.

MICHIGAN.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 2,611,792. Total number of deaths returned to the State department for the month was 2,591, including enteric fever 37, diphtheria 15, scarlet fever 8, measles 10, whooping cough 18, and 227 from tuberculosis. The total number of deaths from all causes corresponds to an annual rate of 11.7 per 1,000 estimated population.

MINNESOTA.—Month of June, 1907. Estimated population, 1,979,658. Reports to the State board of health show as follows: Total number of deaths, 1,125, including diphtheria 29, enteric fever 5, measles 8, scarlet fever 10, smallpox 2, whooping cough 5, and 122 from tuberculosis. Deaths reported from State institutions during the month numbered 27, including 3 from tuberculosis.

Minneapolis.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 285,000. Total number of deaths, 194, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 5, whooping cough 2, and 28 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 26, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 12, smallpox 18, and tuberculosis 18.

NEW YORK—*Troy*.—Month of July, 1907. Estimated population, 76,861. Total number of deaths, 136, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 2, and 20 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 13, enteric fever 4, measles 1, scarlet fever 5, and tuberculosis 32.

OHIO—*Columbus*.—Month of June,<sup>a</sup> 1907. Estimated population, 185,000. Total number of deaths, 184 (24 nonresidents), including enteric fever 2, diphtheria 2, and 21 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 7, enteric fever 15, measles 82, scarlet fever 11, smallpox 3, whooping cough 17, and tuberculosis 22.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Scranton*.—Month of June, 1907. Estimated population, 125,000. Total number of deaths, 121, including diphtheria 6, measles 1, enteric fever 1, and 6 from tuberculosis. Cases: Tuberculosis 9. Month of July, 1907. Total number of deaths 180, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 2, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, and 12 from tuberculosis. Cases: Tuberculosis 5.

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<sup>a</sup> For month of July, 1907, see Public Health Reports, August 23, 1907.